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'War Chief' Quits Army, Joins Exiles

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Erneido Oliva, second in command of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, resigned his U.S. Army commission Tuesday to



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head a Cuban exile "war committee."

The new committee, Oliva said in a telephone interview from Washington, will concentrate on stepped-up guerrilla and underground activities and hit-and-run attacks.

"We will never ask any outside invasion," Oliva said. "Cubans will die for their cause . . . not others. We ask only moral and material support."

The 31-year-old Oliva, who spent 20 months in a Castro prison following the Bay of Pigs, said the new group "is one of the great hopes for the future of Cuba."

The five-member board, of which Oliva is the best known among the exiles, was endorsed in a refugee referendum by mail.

"Our job will be to try and coordinate each exile action against Castro as well as formulate our own plans," said Oliva, who had been assigned to the Pentagon.

"I think when every raid is coordinated with the other it will be the end of Fidel Castro," Oliva declared.

He emphasized what other committee members have said, however, that they are making no attempt to interfere with the plans of other exile groups, only

to coordinate their activities.

"It is not necessary to have only one leader," said Oliva.

Oliva said he "applauded the action" by Manuel Artime's Movement for Revolutionary Recovery, which attacked a Cuban sugar mill in Oriente Province May 13.

"People who belong to the MRR are doing much for our liberation. I applaud their work."

"We need to do everything we can to demoralize the Castro regime, then arrange our plans according to the situation that exists."

Oliva said he had no relation with any other exile group.